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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 875

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SUBJ: MORE DETAILS ON SIILASVUO - GUR MEETING, MARCH 25

REF: JERUSALEM 874

1. UNTSO HAS GIVEN US MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF SIILASVUO -  
GUR MEETING MARCH 25.

2. IN RESPONSE TO SIILASVUO'S REQUEST FOR AN IDF WITHDRAWAL  
TIMETABLE, GUR SAID THAT IDF HAD BEEN PULLING OUT SOME OF ITS  
FORCES FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON BUT DECLINED TO GIVE PRECISE  
NUMBERS OR LOCATIONS OF CURRENT OR POSSIBLE FUTURE WITH-  
DRAWALS. HE INDICATED THAT FORCES WITHDRAWN WERE SUPPORT  
TROOPS - ARTILLERY AND ENGINEERING TYPES. GUR STATED THAT,  
AFTER THIS FIRST WITHDRAWAL WAS COMPLETED, NO MORE WOULD BE  
PULLED OUT "UNTIL UNIFIL COULD DO ITS TASK." HE UNDERScoreD  
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ISRAELI OBLIGATION TO PROTECT INTERESTS OF LEBANESE CHRISTIANS  
AS WELL AS ISRAELIS THEMSELVES AND SAID THAT IDF COULD NOT  
ALLOW A VACUUM TO DEVELOP.

3. AS TO SYRIANS, GUR SAID THAT GOI DID NOT WANT SYRIANS  
OR ADF TO COME ANY FURTHER SOUTH THAN THEY HAD BEEN PRE-  
MARCH 15. HE WAS CONCERNED OVER ALLEGED PRESENCE OF THREE

COMPANIES OF SYRIANS IN HASBAYYA AND WANTED THEM OUT.

4. GUR THEN SAID HE WANTED UNIFIL TO DO THE FOLLOWING THINGS:

- (1) OCCUPY NABATIYE, HASBAYYA, AND BEAUFORT CASTLE.
- (2) ESTABLISH A STRONG PRESENCE IN TYRE.
- (3) LOOK AT TIBNINE AREA.
- (4) REFRAIN FROM PUTTING FORCES IN CHRISTIAN AREAS.
- (5) ALLOW CONTINUED OPERATION OF GOOD FENCE AND IDF COOPERATION WITH CHRISTIAN LEBANESE.

5. ON OTHER HAND, GUR OFFERED FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COOPERATION:

- (1) PROVIDE INFORMATION TO UNIFIL ON THE SEVEN FORDABLE CROSSING POINTS OVER LITANI (IN ADDITION TO THREE BRIDGES).
- (2) PROVIDE FULL ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE ON SOUTHERN LEBANON.
- (3) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON LIVING CONDITIONS AND LIVEABLE AREAS IN ORDER TO ASSIST UNIFIL MAKE DECISIONS ON ESTABLISHING ITS LOCATIONS.
- (4) ALLOW UNIFIL ELEMENTS TO MOVE WITHOUT ESCORT IN IDF CONTROLLED AREAS.

6. SIILASVUO ASKED FOR IDF CONTROL OF MAJOR HADDAD TO PREVENT FURTHER OBSTRUCTIONISM. WHILE INDICATING THAT HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD, GUR COUNSELLED THE UN TO TAKE A "SOFT APPROACH" TO HADDAD AND TRY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO WORK AROUND HIM. SIILASVUO ASKED SPECIFICALLY THAT UNIFIL NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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BE PRVENTED BY HADDAD FROM OPERATING THROUGH MARJAYOUN AS ALL UNIFIL OPERATIONS IN EASTERN LEBANON WOULD BE THUS ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

7. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF RETURN OF REFUGEES, ISRAELIS AGREED TO COOPERATE IN ALLOWING BACK LEBANESE AND UNARMED PEOPLE. ON THIS MATTER AS WELL AS OTHERS, GUR EXPRESSED DESIRE TO TALK DIRECTLY TO LEBANESE.

8. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF OUR DESIRE TO ENGAGE LEBANESE AS DIRECTLY AS POSSIBLE IN UNIFIL OPERATIONS (STATE 77670) AND ISRAELI DESIRE TO TALK TO LEBANESE ON PERTINENT MATTERS, IT SEEMS THAT IT WOULD BE SENSIBLE STEP FOR GOL TO ESTABLISH SOME SORT OF LIAISON OFFICE IN PROXIMITY TO UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS (PRESENTLY AT NAQUORA) IF POSSIBLE. WE REALIZE THIS MIGHT REPRESENT A SECURITY PROBLEM FOR LEBANESE OFFICERS BUT TRUST THAT WOULD NOT STAND IN WAY OF WORKING OUT SOME WAY FOR GOL TO BE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN WORK OF UNIFIL. (SIILASVUO HAS JUST INFORMED US THIS IS AGREED BY GOL).  
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